III.

SLAVE TRADE.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable House of Commons, dated 12th March 1827;—*for*

Copy of any further Reports made to His Majesty's Government by *Thomas Moody*, Esquire, and *John Dougan*, Esquire, or either of them, or by any other Commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of the Slaves, condemned to The Crown, in the different Colonies belonging to His Majesty, under the Acts abolishing the Slave Trade.

CAPTURED NEGROES AT DEMERARA.

Report of Commissioners Sir *C. W. Burdett* and Mr. *Kinchela.*

Colonial Department,
Downing-street, 11th June 1827.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE EARL BATHURST, K. G.

&c. &c. &c.

MY LORD, London, April 12th, 1827.

OUR Despatch, N° 75, dated December 14th, 1826, will have apprised your Lordship of our removal from Berbice to Demerara, in further prosecution of the duties of our Commission; and we have now the honour to submit to your Lordship the following Report of our proceedings at the period of receiving your Lordship's despatch, dated 5th December last.

18 Dec. 1826.

Having on our arrival in that colony addressed a letter to the collector, and been furnished with the returns therein required, we entered upon the regular course of inquiry, as directed by your Lordship's instructions; and such information as we were able to obtain relative to the state and condition of those apprenticed and liberated negroes who came before us, will be found detailed in the accompanying Schedules of Examination.

(A.)

The numbers here exhibited amount to thirty males and thirty-two females, who may be classed and arranged as follows:

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First four on the list, viz. - - - - - are Africans, who were taken and condemned as prize of war in 1812 and 1814, at St. Vincent and Tortola; were apprenticed there, and have since been removed to Demerara with their masters.	3	1
Increase from the above by birth - - - - -	1	2
The next four, viz. - - - - - - are also Africans, who were seized on shore at Demerara by the officers of His Majesty's customs, and condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Court of that colony, for illegal importation from ports in the West Indies, and have been apprenticed out to different persons.	1	3
Increase by birth - - - - - - -	1	—
The remainder, viz. - - - - - -	24	26
	30	32

including children (with the exception of three female Africans), are creole negroes and persons of colour, who were also seized on shore at different periods by the officers of His Majesty's customs, for alleged breaches of the slave abolition laws, and condemned to the Crown by sentence of the court of Vice-Admiralty. Of these last, there have been set at liberty to earn their own living, eight males and thirteen females, who support themselves and their children, viz. three males and one female; five males and one female have been apprenticed out; one male and one female placed out on trial; and the remainder, viz. seven males and ten females, including children, are supported by the collector at the expense of the Crown.

Previous to our commencing the individual examinations of the people, we mustered and inspected in a body as many of them as could be assembled at the short notice given. We also visited the school established by the collector on his own premises for the education of the children, who are instructed by an elderly black woman, and appeared to have made a satisfactory progress, considering that they had not been more than five months under her tuition.

The people who attended for examination were in general clean, well clothed, and decent looking persons; and their appearance, upon the whole, so little corresponded with the unfavourable character given of many of them, both males and females, by the collector, who described them as a turbulent, ungovernable set, constantly

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constantly in gaol for theft and other crimes, that we were induced to apply to the fiscal for more precise information on the subject.

(B.)

The correspondence which passed between ourselves and that magistrate on this occasion, we now beg leave to lay before your Lordship, as being expressive (we believe) of the general feeling amongst the colonists towards this description of persons, who form what may be termed a distinct and separate class in every West India community, where there exists so strong a prejudice against them, as to render it a matter of difficulty to obtain information regarding them that can be depended on. By the white inhabitants they are viewed with jealousy and alarm, as likely by their example to increase the idle, vicious propensities, and to generate in the minds of the slaves a spirit of discontent and insubordination, or with apprehension (perhaps not unfounded) that they may hereafter become burthensome to the colony in which they reside.

By the black and coloured free people they are despised, who regard them as interlopers, unexpectedly and without any merit of their own brought on a level with themselves, and occupying a station in society which is generally conferred upon others as the reward of long-tried good conduct; and by the negro slave population they are hated, as having been advanced to a state of freedom, to which they consider themselves equally well entitled.

Under these circumstances it may easily be conceived that their situation is more to be pitied than envied; and although there may be some persons of very indifferent character amongst those who appeared before us, we are disposed to believe that their numbers and their crimes have been greatly exaggerated; and it is not impossible that the conduct of this class of persons may be more narrowly watched, and the authority of the police more rigorously exercised against them, than would be observed in similar cases towards the negro slave, and that small crimes and misdemeanors, which might be overlooked in the one, would be punished in the other. To justify the expression of this opinion, we would beg leave to refer your Lordship to the return which accompanied the fiscal's letter to us above noticed, wherein the numbers reported to have been confined in the gaol are few, and the offences with which they were charged trifling, with the exception of two or three cases of persons who had been released, after a confinement of near three months on suspicion of theft, which their accusers neither prosecuted nor attempted to prove; while we had been led to believe, from the reports which had reached us, that the disorderly and vicious conduct of those persons had been so notoriously and atrociously displayed as to become a nuisance to the colony, and to render it a most desirable object with the inhabitants to be rid of them at any rate. Enclosure in Document (B.)

On a reference to the Schedules of Examination, it will be seen that some of these persons are in a condition to, and actually do at present maintain themselves; but it cannot be said that they will be permanently able to do so, as in the case of pregnant women (many of those who came before us were in that state), or of females with large families of children, whose fathers are either dead or in a state of slavery, without any means of contributing to their support, as is the case at present with some, and which is an evil very likely to increase to a considerable extent; others again are now supported at the expense of the Crown, some of whom will never be able to earn their own living. Vide Schedules. D° D°

It will therefore become a question for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, in cases where persons who, having been set at liberty to earn their own livelihood, are found to be, either from indolent habits and unwillingness to work steadily for their own living, or from inability to procure work, proceeding from a want of demand for their labour, or from old age, sickness, or any other cause, without the means of support, what course is to be pursued? Would the collector be justified in compelling those who were able, but unwilling, to work; and in the other supposed cases, is he to afford them subsistence at the expense of the Crown, or apply for relief to the colonial government?

This leads us to consider the question of agricultural employment for this class of persons, at a certain rate of hire; and on this point, from all the information we have been able to obtain, we should be disposed to offer it as our opinion, that free negroes and people of colour would not be found inclined to, nor can it indeed be expected, so long as field labour continues to be the badge of slavery in the

colonies, that any persons of free condition will voluntarily follow that mode of obtaining a livelihood; nor, perhaps, under any circumstances, where the tendency to indulge in habits of indolence, proceeding from the enervating influence of climate operating on the human frame, is so great as in the West Indies, and where the wants of nature are so few and so easily supplied that two days labour will suffice for a week's support, would they, without compulsion, pursue that most laborious of all occupations as a means of earning their subsistence: accordingly, it is generally found that most, if not all, persons of that class in the colonies inhabit the towns, and maintain themselves,—the men, either by working at such trades as they may have learnt, by jobbing as porters, or hiring themselves out as domestics;—and the females, either in this latter occupation, as sempstresses, or in huckstering goods and wares about the town and country for sale. Of the two sexes, we should be of opinion that the females are more disposed to industrious habits than the men; and in this opinion we are borne out by the fact that the contributions to the saving bank established by the collector have been exclusively made by the females, as will be seen in the accompanying statement furnished by that officer; although the rate of wages and opportunities of making money, especially in the mechanical trades, are greatly in favour of the males.

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In point of religious knowledge and moral improvement, these negroes appeared to us much on a par with those belonging to the Winkel Establishment in Berbice, on whom we have already made our report to your Lordship. Most of them are natives of Barbadoes, and are decidedly the most intelligent of any we had yet seen, which is no doubt to be attributed to their constant intercourse with Europeans, and a more perfect knowledge of the English language; and it is no more than justice to state, that in the examination of those persons, we found in many instances that considerable attention had been bestowed by their former owners on their religious instruction.

As to their future disposal, we are not aware that the males can now be placed in any situation where they would be more likely or better able to earn their own living than in Demerara; but we should be inclined to recommend, that in all future cases where young creole boys are to be placed out with masters, they should be apprenticed to some useful mechanical trade, instead of being brought up as domestics.

With respect to the females, we must confess ourselves at a loss to say what would be most advisable to recommend to His Majesty's Government for adoption.

Many of these, who are creoles of Barbadoes, expressed a strong desire on their examination to return to their native country, where they have numerous relations; and *some even went so far as to say, that they would rather go back to be slaves than remain in their present condition: and it is proper to bring to your Lordship's notice, that in some of the cases brought before us, children appear to have been separated from their families, not only against their own wish, but without the consent of their parents; and it will be for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, under the circumstances herein set forth, how far it may be advisable to send those persons back to the colony which permitted their illegal exportation. We would therefore submit, whether their own benefit, not to say happiness, would not be best promoted by their being allowed to return to Barbadoes; where it is but fair to presume, that with their own industry and the assistance of their relatives, they could not fail to support themselves without the risk of becoming burthensome to that community.

* Vide Schedules, Nos 28, Diana. „ 43, Peggy Ann. „ 46, Martha.

An account of all expenses incurred in the condemnation, maintenance, &c. of these negroes, as furnished to us by the collector, amounting to 2,641 *l.* 3 *s.* 1 *d.* sterling, is herewith transmitted for your Lordship's information; and we cannot conclude this Report without begging to draw your Lordship's attention to the enormous fees charged in the court of Vice-Admiralty in this colony, which are precisely on the same scale as those in Berbice; and to the allowance made to the collector for the support of the negroes, which, as appears to us, is above two thirds more than is necessary.

(E.)

The collector at present receives for that purpose 7 guilders per week for each adult, to whom he pays 2 guilders per week to provide food, charging His Majesty's Government extra for medical attendance and clothing: calculating, therefore, at the

the rate of 5 guilders per week, or *f.* 260 per annum, saved on each negro, the collector's profit or income, for the mere superintendence of twenty negroes, would be equal to *f.* 5,200, or 400*l.* sterling per annum, independent of the advantage he derives from employing them in his own domestic service, which we presume to think is a rate of remuneration for his trouble higher than has been contemplated by His Majesty's Government.

In addition to those enumerated in the schedules, and as connected with this last point, we beg leave to lay before your Lordship the accompanying Return of Slaves seized by officers of the customs; and who (although their cases were still pending at the time of our departure from Demerara), there was no reason to doubt, would be condemned to the Crown, and thus become an additional source of expense to the public. (E.)

We have the honour to be, &c. &c.

(signed) *C. W. Burdett,*
John Kinchela.

Commissioners of Inquiry for captured Africans.

The Right hon. Earl Bathurst, K. G.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir, Demerara, 18th December 1826.

I AM directed by the Commissioners for inquiring into the condition of liberated Africans to request that you will be pleased to have the following Returns prepared and transmitted to them as soon as possible; viz.

1st. A return of all African negroes who have been seized in this colony by officers of the customs or otherwise, and condemned to His Majesty in the court of Vice-Admiralty, under any of the Acts for the abolition of the slave trade: specifying whether the same were seized on board ship or on shore; with the name of the vessel; grounds of seizure; name, age, and stature of the negro; whether since apprenticed, to whom, and for what period; together with any other information or particulars illustrative of their present state and condition.

2d. A return of all creole slaves, or persons of colour, who have been seized and condemned to His Majesty in this colony, for breach of any of the above-mentioned Acts: specifying the names, &c. of the slaves; grounds of seizure; whether apprenticed, and to whom; and if not, how employed or disposed of.

3. A return of any African, or other liberated negroes, brought here from other colonies, whose period of apprenticeship may have expired, and who may be now supporting themselves in this colony; with such particulars of their cases as you may be enabled to afford.

4th. A statement (with accounts of particulars) of all expenses incurred for the prosecution, condemnation, maintenance or support of any of the slaves specified in the above-mentioned returns; including also any sums which may have been received, or are receivable by way of bounty, on the said seizures.

I have, &c.

Cha. Robinson, esq. (signed) *Wm. Barron,* Sec.
Collector of H. M. Customs, Demerara.

(A.)

SCHEDULES of Examinations of the apprenticed and liberated Negroes in the Colony of DEMERARA, as taken before the Commissioners for inquiring into the State and Condition of Captured Africans. January 1827.

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The character subjoined to the particulars of each Negro is the " substance " of the information obtained from the examination of the party, and from the " Collector of the Customs, as to present state and condition, character, religious " instruction, and moral advancement, &c. &c."

Part I.

SCHEDULES of Examinations of the apprenticed and liberated Negroes in DEMERARA, as taken before the Commissioners for inquiring into the State and Condition of Captured Africans; January 1827.

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
1.	Mareau or Morow; aged 26.	1	-	Africa - -	Condemned as prize of war at St. Vincent in 1812.	D. M'Intosh, wood-cutter.	June 13th	1 year.

Apprenticed at St. Vincent 30th July 1817, to a mason, for seven years: accompanied his master to Demerara, who died there in 1821; and was re-apprenticed, in 1822, to J. O'Neal for the remainder of the term. The collector states that this is so desperate a character, and such a thief and runaway, that nobody can keep him, and that he is constantly in gaol for theft, &c.; but his present master, Mr. M'Intosh, to whom he has been apprenticed for one year at his own request, states that he behaves well when he does not get liquor, to which he is much addicted, and when drunk is quite unmanageable: has not detected him in thieving whilst in his service. Should this negro continue to conduct himself with propriety, Mr. M'Intosh would give him employment on the expiration of his apprenticeship at the rate of 250 *f.* per annum, finding him in food and medical attendance. Is employed at present in clearing timber, and cutting wood for his master. This negro is not baptized, has received no instruction whatever, and is in a state of barbarian ignorance. Says that he gets plenty to eat and drink.

N. B.—It ought to be observed that this man's name does not appear upon the fiscal's list as having ever been confined in gaol, neither is there any charge for gaol fees in the collector's accounts.

2.	Richard Robinson; African name, Accomika; aged 26.	1	-	Africa, Ibo nation.	Condemned at Tortola in 1814; part of the cargo of the Spanish ship Manuella. *See* Parliamentary Return, p. 95.	Ch^{s} Robinson, esq. collector of H. M. customs.	August 1814	14 years.

This negro is employed in doing carpenter's work for his master; learnt the trade from a coloured man in St. Lucia; says that he understands his trade well, and could earn 2 ½ or 3 guilders (3 *s.* 7 *d.* to 4 *s.* 4 *d.* stg.) by it per diem; gets an allowance of a dollar (4 *s.* 4 *d.* stg.) a week from his master to supply himself with food and clothing; was baptized in 1818 at St. Lucia; attends church, and appears to have profited by the religious instruction he has received; answers questions put to him on that head with considerable intelligence; cohabits with a slave belonging to Captain Muddle; has no children here, but has got one at St. Lucia.

The collector states that this man is sickly and idly disposed, but sober and honest; subject to slow fever.

3.	William Hetherington; African name, Occurrie; aged 23.	1	-	Africa, Moco nation.	Condemned at Tortola, Aug. 1814; part of the cargo of the Spanish ship Venus. *Vide* Parliamentary Return, p. 87.	Ch^{s} Robinson, esq. collector of H. M. customs.	August 1814	14 years.

The collector states that this man is a most inveterate drunkard, an idle and worthless character, has drunk himself almost to death, and has been in the colonial hospital for the last six months.

The man himself states that his employment has been in the Custom-house; can take care of a horse; has been put to learn the cooper's trade, and can make a sugar cask; is fed and clothed by Mr. Robinson; has been baptized, but has made little progress in religious knowledge.

Dr. Webster, the medical attendant at the colonial hospital, states that he attended this man for Mr. Robinson about two years ago; he was very ill both then and afterwards, arising entirely from excessive drinking; he consulted with Mr. Robinson, and proposed that, with the permission of the fiscal, he should be kept at the gaol hospital, where he has been for the last six months; by attention, and keeping him from rum, he has been literally rescued from the jaws of death, but is sure he would relapse into as bad a state as ever were he permitted to go at large; is supported on the hospital establishment.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
4.	Eliza Robinson; African name, Nuago; aged 27.	-	1	Africa, Ibo nation.	Condemned at Tortola, Aug. 1814; part of the cargo of the Spanish ship Manuella. *Vide* Parliamentary Return, p. 96.	Ch^{s} Robinson, esq. Collector of H. M. Customs.	August 1814	14 years.
	N. B.—This woman, it would appear, was examined by the former Commissioner (Major Moody,) 1822. *Vide* Schedules (F. F.) p. 14.							
	Children of the above Female:							
	Margaret; aged 7 ½ years.	-	1	St. Lucia, 20th May 1819.				
	Ellen; aged 6 ½ years.	-	1	Grenada, 12th June 1821.				
	Jeffery; aged 4 years.	1	-	Tortola, 30th Dec. 1822.				
				This is a decent respectable looking woman; she has three fine children, two girls and a boy, all of whom appeared before the Commissioners clean and well clothed. Their father, a black man, died in 1822. This woman has always remained with her master, who gives her a good character, but says that she is slow and idle. Is employed in Mr. Robinson's family, as housemaid; can wash, cook and use her needle; makes her own and children's clothes. The two eldest (girls) can read; the second, only six years and a half old, perhaps as well, or nearly so, as most children of her age in England; and the little boy is learning; knows his letters tolerably well already. The mother receives a dollar a week from her master to find herself in food; she is also clothed by him. It is no more than justice to Mr. Robinson to state, that the appearance of this family does him much credit.			
5.	Manoella; aged 24 years.	-	1	Africa, Ibo nation.	Seized on shore by the officers of H. M. customs, for illegal importation from Cayenne. Vessel unknown. Condemned Sept. 22, 1819.	John Davis, Protestant missionary.	Jan 1820 -	7 years.
	Child of the above Female:							
	Sam, (alias) George; aged 1 ½ years.	1	-	Demerara.				
				Indentures expired 1st January 1827. This female has one child, one year and a half old, and is pregnant with another. Her character has hitherto been indifferent, as stated by the collector; but her master, Mr. Davis, now speaks more favourably of her, to whom she was hired on the expiration of her apprenticeship at 1*s.* per diem, but on account of sore eyes, as she states, only remained with him five days. So long, therefore, as she continues idle after she has obtained her freedom, it becomes a question how is she to be supported? She states, however, that she is willing to work, and when recovered will return to Mr. Davis's service; can work with her needle, which she was taught by Mrs. Davis; has been baptized, but has received very little instruction; repeats the Lord's Prayer imperfectly; attends chapel every Sunday. Mr. Davis states, that her conduct, during a great part of her apprenticeship, was very indifferent; he complained of her to the collector, who reproved her, and she has since conducted herself so much better, that he has baptized her; considers her dull and slow. The man with whom she now cohabits has made a solemn promise to marry her when he can obtain his owner's permission; considers her capable of supporting herself with comfort, if she continues well behaved; has no reason to be dissatisfied with her, on the score of honesty or industry.			

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of.	Period.
6.	Jenny; aged 28	-	1	Africa, Congo nation.	Seized on shore by the officers of H. M. customs, for illegal importation from Barbadoes. Vessel unknown. Condemned 15 March 1820.	P. Staple, esq. comptroller of H. M. customs.	Jan. 1, 1821	9 years.
	This female states, that she is employed in Mr. Staple's family as housemaid, cook and washerwoman, and is fed and clothed; says her master treats her very well; cannot work with her needle; has received no instruction, and has no idea of religion. Mr. Staple says, this is a well-disposed woman when not in liquor; from which, however, he finds it difficult to keep her.							
7.	Louisa; aged 17	-	1	Africa -	Seized on shore for illegal importation, by the officers of H. M. customs. Brought from Surinam, in the schooner Jackman, and condemned Sept. 28, 1821. The vessel was condemned at Barbadoes.	Lieut.-Colonel Goodman, (vendue master.)	Jan. 2, 1824	6 years.
	Is employed in Colonel Goodman's family to attend the ladies and mind a child; can wash and use her needle, and is taught every thing that is to be done about the house; fed and clothed by her master, who gives her a very good character; has been baptized by the clergyman of the Established Church, but as yet is only in the rudiments of instruction; repeats the Lords Prayer and part of the Creed, both very imperfectly; goes to church on Sundays by her mistress's orders. This is a fine, tall, well-looking young woman, and is supposed by the collector to have been a person of superior condition in her own country.							
8.	Sam; aged 21	1	-	Barbadoes -	Seized on shore by the officers of H. M. customs, for illegal importation from Barbadoes. Vessel unknown. Condemned 15 Mar. 1820.	C. H. Dalton, as cooper.	Aug. 1821 -	7 years.
	This man states that he was put to learn the trade of a cooper on his master's estate, where he remained about twelve months; got very sick, and was sent to town. Finding that his master took no care of him, and did not clothe him, and wanted to put him as a sailor on board a schooner, which he did not like, he quitted him and took to learning the joiner's trade, and is now working as such with a man named Benjamin Jeffreys, who pays him eight dollars (34 *s.* 8 *d.* sterling) a month out of which he feeds and clothes himself: he is quite uninstructed. The collector states that he is a very bad character, frequently in gaol for theft, &c. In justice to this man, however, it is proper to state that his name only appears once on the fiscal's list as a prisoner in gaol for gambling.							
9.	Bob; aged 26	1	-	Martinique -	Seized on shore by ditto, for illegal importation from Martinique. Condemned 15 Mar. 1820.	J. Pinkerton, carpenter.	Sept. 1, 1821	5 years.
	Indentures expired 1st September 1826. The collector states that this is a loose disorderly character, and gets his living by jobbing; is at present hired as a servant by a Mr. Abraham, who allows him ten dollars (43 *s.* 4 *d.*) a month, out of which he supports himself. His former master, Mr. Pinkerton, gives him an indifferent character, and states that he was in the frequent habit of running away. Party says he was baptized by a priest at Guadeloupe: he is however wholly uninstructed.							

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAME and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
10.	Ben; aged 30	1	-	Barbadoes -	Seized by the officers of H. M. customs, for illegal importation from Barbadoes; was landed at night; importer fined 200 guilders. Condemned 12 October 1822.			
	Set at liberty by the general orders of the Board of Customs, dated 21st December 1820, to earn his own livelihood. The collector states that he is an idle worthless fellow; he has been in hospital these three years, laid up with ulcered feet, and never will be good for any thing, every medical treatment having been tried without effect; he is supported in hospital at the expense of the colony.							
11.	Charles; aged 24.	1	-	Ditto - -	Seized as above with Ben; condemned 12 October 1822.			
	Set at liberty as above. Asked how he gets his living now; says he had formerly lived with a gentleman as servant, and had saved a little money, as he used always to get 2 joes (about 3 *l.*) a month; has been out of service for two months. When pressed to say how he now lives, could give no satisfactory account of himself; knows no trade. The collector states that this is a noted gambler and thief, and spends much of his time in gaol; his name, however, does not appear on the fiscal's list of prisoners, but he himself admits having been twice in gaol. Says he was baptized at Barbadoes by the Rev. Mr. Garnett; repeats the Lord's Prayer, and says he attends the English church every Sunday; seems to entertain correct notions of a future state; can read easy words of one or two syllables; cohabits with a slave woman.							
12.	Jack (a mulatto); aged 14.	1	-	Dominica -	Seized by the officers of H. M. customs, on board a smuggling sloop from Surinam (the Eliza), and condemned with her on 31 May 1824, as an alien slave, and without formalities.	P. Staple, esq. comptroller of H. M. customs.	Sept. 7th 1825	7 years.
	The collector states, that he was apprenticed in virtue of his non-age and ignorance of the English language. The boy himself informs the Commissioners that he was born in Dominica, taken to Surinam by his father, and sold there after his death; is employed as a domestic in Mr. Staple's family, by whom he is clothed and fed; says he would rather be put to a trade; has learnt the alphabet, and repeats the Lord's Prayer; nothing more; has a good character from the collector, and from his master, who says he is a quiet well-disposed boy, but, he fears, consumptive.							
13.	Anthony; aged 8 or 9.	1	-	St. Vincent -	Seized by the officers of the customs for an attempt made to export him to Surinam, and condemned 2 January 1826.	To the collector of the customs, in the terms of the Order in Council of 19 July 1825.	- - -	7 years.
	This boy (a mulatto) was brought with his mother, who is since dead, and two brothers, by a Mrs. Cleary, to Demerara. He is now employed in the collector's family, and maintained at the expense of the Crown; attends school, and is in a course of instruction; has learnt the alphabet, and can spell words of three letters; repeats the Lord's Prayer in corrupt English.							

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of.	Period.
14.	Eliza Cleary; aged 38.	-	1	Africa - -	Seized by the officers of the customs for an attempt made to export him to Surinam, and condemned 2 January 1825.	To the collector of the customs, in the terms of the Order in Council of 19 July 1825.	- - -	7 years.
	And her five children:							
15.	Alexey; aged 14	-	1	St. Vincent -	- - -	Lt.-Col. Young	Nov. 17, 1826	9 years.
16.	Margaret; aged 12.	-	1	- Ditto - -	- - -	Indented to the collector, as above.	- - -	7 years.
17.	Angus; aged 5	1	-	Demerara -	- Ditto -			
18.	Esculapius; aged 2.	1	-	- Ditto - -	- - -			
	Ann - -	-	1	Born at Demerara, since the seizure and condemnation of the above female; viz. on 31st October 1826.				

This woman is sickly, and is supported by the collector, with her four youngest children, at the expense of the Crown; receives from him 5 guilders (7*s.* 3 *d.* sterling) a week for that purpose; is employed in washing clothes. Asked if she could maintain herself and her children by her own labour; answers, not just now, being sickly; nor could she do so even if she were well. Was baptized at St. Vincent, by the Rev. Mr. Gilding; repeats the Lord's Prayer and Creed. The two eldest children are by one father; the other three by different men. The collector states that she is a quiet woman, but very slow and idle. Alexey, her eldest daughter, apprenticed to Colonel Young, protector of slaves, is a most intelligent girl; learns to work at her needle, and is employed in cleaning the house, &c.; says that "she never gets into trouble with her master;" has been baptized; repeats the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Ten Commandments perfectly well; and when questioned appears to comprehend the meaning of what she does repeat; was taught at St. Vincent, where she went to school, but cannot read much. Margaret, the second daughter, was also baptized at St. Vincent; repeats the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and Ten Commandments perfectly well; reads tolerably, which she learnt at Mr. Robinson's school. Angus, the eldest son, was born at Demerara, and baptized by a Roman Catholic priest; does not know his letters. Esculapius also, baptized by a Roman Catholic priest.

19.	Sally Sibley, (a Mustee); aged 40.	-	1	St. Kitt's -	Seized with the foregoing people as a slave illegally imported, and condemned to the Crown, 2 Jan. 1826.			

Has been set free, and is a respectable-looking coloured woman; the collector states that he seldom sees and knows very little about her. Party states that she was formerly the property of a Mr. Dewar, of St. Kitt's, from whose manager she got leave about six years ago to proceed to St. Vincent with a Mrs. Cleary, and came over with her to Demerara; when Mrs. Cleary, and the person with whom she cohabited, were concerned in an attempt to export slaves to Surinam, she gave information to Major Staple, comptroller of customs. Earns her livelihood by working at her needle; wishes to return to St. Kitt's as soon as she is able to do so; baptized at St. Kitt's; read some verses tolerably well in the New Testament.

20.	Sally; aged 40	-	1	Africa -	Seized with the foregoing, for an attempt to be illegally exported, and condemned 2 Jan. 1826.	To the collector of the customs, in the terms of the Order in Council of 19 July 1825.	- - -	7 years each.
	And her son:							
21.	Matthew; aged 10.	1	-	St. Vincent -				

Set at liberty to work for herself; maintains herself, with the assistance of her man, by washing; earns 6 guilders a week, (8*s.* 8 *d.* sterling,) and contributes 1 guilder regularly every week to the collector's saving bank; can make her own clothes, but not do fine work; has been baptized, but received no instruction. Her son, Matthew, is clothed and fed at the expense of the Crown; employed in the domestic service of the collector; waits at table and does house business; is baptized; attends school, knows his letters, and repeats the Lord's Prayer in corrupt English.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of.	Period.
22.	Joan; aged 33	-	1	St. Kitt's -	Seized with the foregoing, as having been illegally imported, and condemned, January 2d, 1826. Her son, although born subsequently to the date of her importation, was condemned as above with his mother.	To the collector of the customs, in the terms of the Order in Council of 19 July 1825.	- - -	7 years each.
	And her son:							
23.	Jerome; aged 4	1	-	Demerara -				

Set free to work for her own living, and earns 6 *f.* per week by washing; is fed by her employer; can work with her needle; makes her own and child's clothes. Was baptized at St. Kitt's; repeats the Lord's Prayer tolerably. Collector states that her character is doubtful. Was brought to Demerara by Mrs. Cleary, who wanted to take her to Surinam, and she gave information.

Has paid in 46 guilders (3 *l.* 6 *s.* 5 *d.* stg.) to the collector's saving bank up to the 15th instant (January); would have paid in more but had been sick a long time.

N. B.—Of these last-named eleven people, eight had actually arrived at Nickarie, on the coast of Surinam, and were given up by the public authorities of that colony on application by the Governor of Demerara. One of the offenders concerned in this illegal transaction was caught and condemned to two years imprisonment in the common gaol, which he is now undergoing; the other escaped at Nickarie. The whole twelve (one of the negroes, named Neptune, not seen by the Commissioners, *vide* page 19 these Schedules,) were libelled, together with the vessel, the Betsey, and condemned as above.

24.	James; aged 15	1	-	Barbadoes -	Seized on shore in January 1826, by the officers of the customs, for illegal importation; and condemned 18th July following.	To the collector as above.	- - -	7 years.

This negro was purchased in Barbadoes by Miss Sarah Fraser, resident of Demerara, and was brought from the former colony as a domestic of Mr. L. Barnes. Is now apprenticed to the collector, in whose domestic service he is employed to take care of a horse. Fed and clothed at the expense of the Crown. Receives 15 stivers (1 *s.* 1 *d.* stg.) from the collector every Sunday. Learnt the trade of a carpenter at Barbadoes, and his mistress hired him out to work as such with a Mr. Pine, at a dollar a day, after she brought him to this colony. Was baptized at Barbadoes; reads a little in the New Testament; repeats the Lord's Prayer very well, and has a knowledge of the Ten Commandments. His mother and some of his relations are living at Barbadoes. His reason for consenting to leave that place with Miss Fraser was, because she said she was not going to stop here, but would take him backward and forward between here and there, but she remained here altogether.

25.	Ned; Jack; aged 8 to 10.	1	-	Barbadoes -	Seized by the officers of the customs for illegal importation from Barbadoes, and condemned with the last mentioned negro, 18th July 1826.	To the collector of the customs as the last.	- - -	7 years.

This boy was also purchased in Barbadoes, by Sarah Fraser, and brought from thence as the domestic of Mr. Barnes; is now on trial for apprenticeship with Mr. Hammill, the Governor's secretary, by whom he is fed and clothed; is employed as house-boy; has a mother and sister living in Barbadoes; was brought away from thence against his will, and contrary to the wish of his mother; not baptized; has attended the collector's school, but barely knows his letters; repeats the Lord's Prayer in corrupt language. Mr. Hammill intends, in the event of keeping him, to send him to school for two or three hours every day.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
26.	Edward; aged 8 to 10.	1	-	Barbadoes -	Seized by the officers of the customs, for illegal importation from Barbadoes, and condemned with the last-mentioned negro, 18th July 1826.	Lt.-Col. Young, protector of slaves, as a domestic.	Nov. 17, 1826	6 years.
	This boy was also purchased in Barbadoes, and brought from thence as a domestic by Miss Dorothy Coxall; is employed by his master in cleaning about the house and yard, weeding the garden, &c.; has a father, mother, four brothers, and two sisters, living in Barbadoes; did not see his mother before coming away, who did not know any thing about his being sent off; would like to go back to see his family; can spell words of three letters, which he learnt at the collector's school, and repeats the Lord's Prayer, not quite perfectly; is a smart active boy.							
27.	Renn; aged 12	1	-	- Ditto -	ditto - -	Charles Knott, esq. act^{g} comptroller of H. M. customs, as a domestic.	January 1827	7 years.
	This boy was also purchased in Barbadoes, and brought from thence as a domestic by the same person as the last; is fed and clothed by Mr. Knott; employed as a domestic to wait upon him, brush clothes, clean shoes, &c.; has an aunt and two sisters in Barbadoes; would like to go to see them; father and mother both dead. Repeats the Lord's Prayer, but cannot read; does not know any letters, and never attended any school; goes to church regularly.							
28.	Diana; aged 25.	-	1	- Ditto -	ditto - -	To the collector of the customs.	- - -	7 years.
	This woman earns her own living, and the collector states, is a quiet good character. She was also purchased in Barbadoes, and brought from thence by Sarah Fraser, as her domestic; hires herself to the same person for 2 ½ guilders (3 *s.* 7 *d.* sterling) a week, who also feeds and clothes her; can do house-business, and work at her needle; attends to the child; has contributed 21 guilders (about 30 *s.* sterl.) to the collector's saving bank, to the end of last year, and pays a guilder a week into it, every Monday morning; repeats the Lord's Prayer, and reads in the New Testament very well, which she learnt at school in Barbadoes; has a mother, two sisters, and one brother there; would like to go back again. This girl told the Commissioners that she would much rather return to be with her old mistress as a slave than remain here free; came away by her own consent, from a wish to see this colony; her mother was at first sorry to part with her, but afterwards made up her mind to it. This appears to be a clever intelligent woman.							
29.	Nanny; aged 18	-	1	- Ditto -	Seized and condemned for the same cause, and at the same time as the last.	To the collector of the customs, as the last.	- - -	7 years.
30.	John William; aged 2.	1	-	- Ditto -				
	Thomas -	1	-	Demerara -	an infant, born 3d October 1826.			
	This woman and her eldest child were purchased in Barbadoes by Mary Fraser, a resident of Demerara. She earns her own living and maintains her child by huckstering about for different people, for which she gets 15 stivers (1 *s.* 1 *d.* sterling) per diem; her mother is living in Barbadoes; would like much to go and see her, but cannot get there; she can work at her needle; used to pay in 1 guilder a week to the collector's saving bank, until the birth of her last child, but not since; will begin paying it again as soon as her child is a little older. Is asked, Who defrayed the expense of her last lying-in? Ans. The collector. Has received some instruction, and repeats the Lord's Prayer very well; has forgotten the Commandments and Catechism. The collector's return states this girl to be a bad character, but improving; often in gaol and in the tread-mill, which she denies; says that she never was in the tread-mill, and only once in gaol, for quarrelling with another woman, which statement is borne out by the collector's accounts, wherein only one charge under that head appears against her, neither is her name mentioned amongst the fiscal's list of prisoners.							

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	PARTICULARS OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
31.	Nelly; aged 24	-	1	Barbadoes -	Seized and condemned for the same cause, and at the same time as the last.	To the collector as the last.	- - -	7 years.
	And her child:							
32.	Mary Ann; aged 3.	-	1	Ditto - -				

This woman and her child were purchased at Barbadoes, and brought to Demerara by Sarah Fraser, inhabitant of this colony. Collector states that she earns her own living without expense to the Crown, and is a quiet good character. She informs the Commissioners that she lives with a mulatto man named Jones, a carpenter; supports herself by needle-work, and can earn 2 joes (63 *s.* 6 *d.* sterling) a month, if work enough offers; cannot exactly say how much she does make at present. This girl is similarly situated with the last; her eldest child, (a free girl near nine years of age), her father, and all her family are in Barbadoes, to which she would wish to return; was baptized there; has received some instruction, and repeats the Lord's Prayer tolerably; her child has also been baptized there; has paid 19 guilders into the collector's saving bank, and continues to contribute a guilder to it every week. The child goes to the collector's school, and is learning her letters; a very promising little girl.

33.	Bridget; aged 20.	-	1	Ditto - -	Seized and condemned as above.	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.

Also purchased in Barbadoes, and brought to Demerara by Sarah Fraser; hires herself at 7½ guilders (10 *s.* 10 *d.* sterling) a week to wash; can work at her needle, and is able to get her own living; is now supporting herself. Her family, viz. father, three brothers and four sisters, are at Barbadoes, all slaves belonging to different persons; would like to return there; says she could support herself there as well as here, as she used to do it when a slave in Barbadoes besides working for her mistress; has no children alive, nor any connection here; not baptized, but repeats the Lord's Prayer and Creed very well, and knows the Commandments tolerably; contributes 1 guilder a week to the saving bank. Collector states that she is a turbulent character.

34.	Harriet; aged 20	-	1	Ditto - -	Seized & condemned as the last.	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.

This woman was purchased at Barbadoes, and brought to Demerara by Susannah Husbands, an inhabitant of this colony; supports herself without expense to the Crown; is hired to the person who brought her from Barbadoes at 2½ guilders a week, who, exclusive of her wages, feeds, clothes and provides for her when sick; is employed huckstering about town for her mistress, and sometimes working at her needle; has contributed 21 guilders (30 *s.* sterling) to the saving bank, and pays in 1 guilder every week. Is asked whether she would rather be a slave in Barbadoes, or as she is now in Demerara; answers, as she is now, but would wish to return to the former place. Has been baptized, but not instructed, and knows no prayers. Collector gives her a good character.

35.	Sarah Kate; aged 29.	-	1	Ditto -	Seized and condemned as the last.	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.
	And her children:							
36.	Billy; aged 7	1	-	Ditto -				
37.	Sue; aged 3 -	-	1	Ditto -				
	Chas. Richards	1	-	Demerara (born 6 June 1826.)				

This woman and her two children were purchased in Barbadoes and brought to Demerara by F. Bell Fraser, an inhabitant thereof; helps to wash clothes for the collector; supported by him at the expense of the Crown; receives 5 guilders a week to provide herself and three children; can work at her needle, and could earn her own living by that and washing. This woman's mother, and all her family are at Barbadoes; the former and two of her children are free; she would like to return, and could make a better living there than she can here; was baptized in Barbadoes, but has received little or no religious instruction; cannot repeat the Lord's Prayer with any kind of accuracy. Collector states that she is a quiet but very idle and slow person. Her children have been baptized and attend school.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of.	Period.
38.	Sarah Lilly; aged 16.	-	1	Barbadoes -	Seized and condemned at the same time and for the same cause as the last.	To the collector as the last.	- - -	7 years.

This girl was purchased at and brought from Barbadoes by Eliza Sandiford, inhabitant of Demerara; is on trial to be apprenticed out to Mr. Hamill, the Governor's secretary, by whom she is fed and clothed; employed as a housemaid, and to attend the child; can wash a little, and work at her needle well enough to make her own clothes, which she taught herself; has a mother, father and two sisters at Barbadoes; came away willingly; would like to return to see her family, but does not seem to have any wish to remain there; has been baptized, and repeats the Lord's Prayer, not very perfectly; does not attend church very regularly; has a good character from the collector and from Mr. Hamill.

39.	Statira; aged 20	-	1	Ditto - -	ditto - -	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.

This girl was also purchased and brought from Barbadoes by Dorothy Coxall, inhabitant of Demerara; is hired by Miss Martha Hill to wash clothes, for which she is paid six guilders (8 *s.* 8 *d.*) a week; can work at her needle, and earns her own living, without expense to the Crown; has a mother and brother living in Barbadoes; would like to return there, because it is her native country, and she would be close to her mother and brother, who were very sorry to part with her, and cried when she came away; has not been baptized, and does not know any prayers; cohabits with a slave belonging to Mr. Kingston, which she has done since she first came to the colony, and is now pregnant by him; has a character from the collector of being an industrious hard-working woman.

40.	Philly Ann; aged 16.	-	1	Ditto - -	ditto - -	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.
	And her child, Susannah, an infant.	-	1	Demerara; born 6 Dec. 1826.				

This girl was purchased and brought from Barbadoes by Dorothy Coxall, an inhabitant of Demerara; is employed in the domestic service of the collector; has hitherto been fed and clothed at the expense of the Crown; receives two guilders a week to support herself; can wash, work with her needle, and make her own clothes; repeats the Lord's Prayer tolerably, but cannot say the Creed perfectly. Character by the collector: idle and dissolute.

41.	Duchess; aged 25.	-	1	Barbadoes -	ditto - -	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.

Purchased and brought from Barbadoes, but no claimant appeared; supports herself; can work well with her needle; cooks and washes for Mr. Mason the baker, from whom she gets seven guilders a week wages; she pays in one guilder a week to the collector's saving bank; has a mother, two aunts, and two sisters in Barbadoes; would like to return there and see her family. Is asked whether she would rather remain here to be free, or go back to Barbadoes to be a slave. She would rather remain here; has no family of her own; cohabits with Mr. Mason; has been baptized at Barbadoes; repeats the Lord's Prayer imperfectly, but says she attends church regularly. The collector states that she is a riotous and turbulent character, and has been frequently in gaol; her name, however, appears only once on the fiscal's list for fighting on the dam.

42.	Fanny; aged 27	-	1	Africa - -	ditto - -	ditto - -	- - -	ditto.

Purchased at and brought from Barbadoes, but no person appeared to claim her; hires herself to Mr. Mitchell to wash clothes; gets six guilders (8 *s.* 8 *d.*) a week wages, and a room in his yard; supports herself without expense to the Crown; has paid in 18 guilders (26 *s.*) to the collector's saving bank to the end of the year, and continues to pay in a guilder every Monday morning; cannot work with her needle; has not been baptized; knows no prayers, and is quite uninstructed. Collector states that she is riotous and turbulent. She says that she has never been in gaol, and does not quarrel or fight.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of	Period.
43.	Peggy Ann; aged 19.	-	1	Barbadoes -	Seized and condemned for the same cause, and at the same time as the last.	To the collector, as the last.	- - -	7 years.

This woman also brought from Barbadoes, where she was purchased by Miss Lavinia de Castro, of this colony; is employed in washing clothes for the collector, from whom she receives 2 guilders a week to feed herself, and gets clothes also; supported at the expense of the Crown; can work at the needle well enough to make her own clothes, and would wash four persons linen; equal to 4 joes (about 6 *l.* 7 *s.*) a month; has a mother and father, two brothers and a sister, at Barbadoes; would rather be there as a slave with her owner than remain here as she is, but if she were entirely free here, would rather remain than go back to be a slave; was baptized when she was a little girl; but knows no prayers, and seldom or ever attends church. The collector gives this woman a very bad character, and states that she has been frequently in gaol; which she denies, and says that she has been there only twice.

44.	Molly Ford; aged 20.	-	1	- Ditto -	- ditto -	- ditto -	- - -	ditto.

This woman was also brought from Barbadoes, where she was purchased by Lavinia de Castro; is employed at the Custom-house, washing clothes; gets 2 guilders a week to provide herself with food; supported at the expense of the Crown; can work with her needle, and could earn by washing 1 ½ guilder (2 *s.* 2 *d.*) a day; has a father, three brothers and four sisters, in Barbadoes, all slaves of Mr. Gabriel Reeves; would like to go back; has not been baptized; repeats the Lord's Prayer, not quite perfectly; attends Mr. Robinson's school to learn. The collector returns her as having been frequently in gaol; but she denies this, and states that she has only been once there, and was put in by her mistress for quarrelling with another woman.

45.	Bessey; aged 29.	-	1	- Ditto -	- ditto -	ditto -	- - -	ditto.

This woman was also brought from Barbadoes, where she was purchased by Mary E. F. Jaffery; earns her own living by huckstering about the town; and states that she can earn in that way 3 joes (4 *l.* 15 *s.* 4 *d.* sterling) a month; can also work well at her needle; has received religious instruction, but cannot read; repeats the Lord's Prayer and Catechism, and gives intelligent answers to the questions put to her; is a decent-looking woman; but is returned by the collector as a turbulent riotous character; frequently in gaol.

46.	Martha; aged 17.		1	- Ditto -	- ditto -	- ditto -	- - -	ditto.

This woman was also purchased and brought from Barbadoes by Mary E. F. Jaffrey; earns her own living without expense to the Crown; is hired out to Miss Jane Jolly, who pays her 1 guilder a day; finds herself in food and clothing; is employed by her mistress in needle-work and house business; has a mother and father, two sisters and two brothers, at Barbadoes; came from thence by her own wish; the lady who brought her away told her that she was going to return there shortly. This girl told the Commissioners that she would rather go back to Barbadoes to be a slave than remain here as she is; has been baptized, and repeats the Lord's Prayer, which she was taught by her mistress in Barbadoes. Collector's character: idle and negligent.

Part I.—Examinations of the Negroes produced before the Commissioners—*continued.*

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure, &c.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date of.	Period.
47.	Mopsey; aged 18*.	-	1	Barbadoes -	Seized and condemned for the same cause, and at the same time as the last.	To the collector, as the last.	- - -	7 years.
47	- - -	23	32	- - - Total.				
8	- - -	-	- -	- - - Births since capture.				
55	- - -	55		- - - Total.				

* This woman brought from Barbadoes, where she was purchased by Elvira Sandiford; is employed in washing clothes at the collector's, from whom she receives 2 guilders a week, to supply herself with food and clothing; is supported at the expense of the Crown; cannot work with the needle; has a mother, father, two sisters, and seven brothers, at Barbadoes; came away voluntarily; has not been baptized; knows no prayers, and has received no instruction. The collector gives her a very bad character, and states that she is constantly in gaol; which she denies, and says she has only been there twice.

N. B.—The last named 24 persons, from N° 24 to 47, the collector states were seized in consequence of a correspondence with Lord Bathurst and Sir Benjamin D'Urban, they having been illegally imported from Barbadoes, where they were purchased by persons belonging to Demerara, who brought them away under pretext of being domestics, contrary to the provisions of the Act of the 5th Geo. IV. c. 113, and the 46th Geo. III. c. 52.

THE foregoing Examinations taken before us at Demerara, between the 6th and 23d of January 1827.

(signed) *C. W. Burdett,*

John Kinchela,

Commissioners for inquiring into the State of captured Negroes.

Part II.

SCHEDULE of Apprenticed and Liberated Negroes of the Colony of DEMERARA, who were returned by the Collector of the Customs to the Commissioners of Inquiry, but were not produced before them for Examination.

N°	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure and Condemnation.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date.	Period.
1.	Bull; aged 31	1	-	Africa - -	Seized on shore by the officers of the customs for illegal importation from Surinam. Vessel unknown. Condemned August 6th 1819.	Jas. Pinkerton, house builder.	1 Feb. 1821	7 years.
	The collector states that this is a very desperate character; has long since run away from his master, and it is not known where he is to be found. Mr. Pinkerton, Bull's master, states, "that it is now nearly twelve months since he has seen him; he lodged information about him with the fiscal, immediately on his absconding; he took away a canoe, in which he crossed over the river to the west coast; states that Bull conducted himself very badly during the five years he was with him, and he had to pay considerable sums for gaol fees, as he was frequently taken up by the police, or sent in from estates in the country. Bull had made little or no proficiency in his trade."—17th January 1827.							
2.	Bernard; aged 34.	1	-	Surinam - -	ditto.			
	Set at liberty as a creole, under the general orders of the customs, to work for himself. The collector states that this is a man of bad character; collector did not know where to find him.							
3.	Petit; aged 40	1	-	Martinique -	Seized on shore for the same cause from Martinique. Vessel unknown. Condemned 22d September 1819.			
	Set at liberty as the last. The collector states that this man earns his living by jobbing about, but that he is an idle sort of person; could not be found when required for examination.							
4.	Jem (alias) Morris; aged 22.	1	-	Bermuda -	Date of seizure not stated. Found on board the brig Frances from Bermuda, without certificate of registry.			
	Set at liberty as above; earns his living as a sailor; character not stated.							
5.	Dick Robert; aged 24.	1	-	Berbice - -	Seized on shore for illegal importation from Berbice in schooner Planter. Vessel condemned 29th June 1822.			
	Set at liberty as above; left the colony; supposed with his former master.							

Part II.—Schedule of Negroes who were not produced before the Commissioners—*continued*.

No	NAMES and AGE.	SEX: M.	SEX: F.	Where Born.	PARTICULARS of Seizure and Condemnation.	INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP: To whom.	Date.	Period.
6.	Jean Sensée; aged 45.	1	-	Martinique -	Seized on shore in consequence of his statement that he was a free man, who had been illegally transported from Martinique some years ago; condemned 12 October 1822, no claimant appearing.			
	This is a dark cob or mulatto; has been set free, and earns his living as a carpenter. The collector states that he is a decent well-behaved man, and an industrious character; he did not appear for examination before the Commissioners, but was seen once by them at a general muster of the people at the Custom house, and his appearance corresponded with the character given of him by the collector; he works at a distance in the country, on the west coast of the river.							
7.	Neptune; aged 24.	1	-	Not stated -	Seized for an attempt made to export him to Surinam, and condemned 2d January 1826. Vide *N. B.*—at page 12 of these schedules.			
	This negro has been set free, and earns his living as a sailor. Collector states that he is an idle worthless fellow. The vessel in which he sails absent from the colony at present.							

Part III.

LIST of Emancipated Slaves who have been in charge of Customs at DEMERARA, and who have died between the years 1817 and the 5th day of January 1826, or removed from the Colony.

DATE of Decease.	NAME.	SEX.	REMARKS.
1819 - -	Francisco Fernandez -	Male -	Seized with Manoella (N° 5, Schedules of Examinations,) and the man Roderigo, by Geo. Ross, for illegal importation from Cayenne, and both died previous to the condemnation in 1819.
	Roderigo Rodrigues -	D° - -	
Feb. 1823 -	Moses - - - -	D° African	Was condemned 6th August 1819, for illegal importation from Surinam. Apprenticed 5th April 1820 to P. Staple for nine years, and died of tetanus the 12th of February 1823.
1822 - -	John Francis - - -	D° Creole	Was condemned, for the same offence, 22d September 1819. Was set at liberty, by the Board's order, 21st December 1820, and died in 1822.
1820 - -	Moussa - - - -	D° African	Was condemned as prize of war at St. Vincent's to H. M. ship Orpheus, 18th April 1812. Was apprenticed by the collector there to Archibald Masson for nine years. Accompanied his master here, and died in 1820. *Vide* N° 25, 18 Sept. 1820, Letter to Board. *Vide* also Parliamentary Return of captured Negroes, page 83.
Feb. 7, 1822	Dick Richard - - -	D° Creole	Was condemned, for illegal importation from Barbadoes with the Planter, 29th June 1822. Died 7th Feb. 1822, whilst in charge of the customs.
Sent away 1820.	Castello - - -	D° - D°	Was condemned 14th September 1820, at Demerara, for illegal importation; and was sent off the colony by the fiscal for some criminal offence.

Custom-house, Demerara, December 20th, 1826.

(signed) *Chas Robinson,*
Collector.

SUMMARY of the foregoing Schedules.

	Apprentices supported by their Masters or Mistresses.		Supported by the Collector at the Expense of the Crown.		Adults supporting themselves; and Children supported by their Mothers.		Supported by the Colony in Hospital.		TOTAL.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Examined by the Commissioners - -	6	5	7	8	4	15	2	-	19	28
Children born since the liberation of the mothers - -	1	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	4	4
Returned by the collector, but not produced for examination - - -	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	7	
Totals - - -	7*	7*	8	10	13	15	2	-	30	32
	14		18		28		2		62	

* *N. B.*—Of these one male and one female are only on trial for apprenticeship.

(B.)

Sir, Demerara, 5th Jan. 1827.

HAVING this day had an inspection of the liberated negroes under the charge of the collector of the customs, we should feel much obliged by your affording us any information as to the general character of these people, which it may be in your power to communicate; more particularly, whether any of them have been committed to gaol for acts of misconduct; and if so, that you will be so good as to specify their names, the nature of the offences of which they had been guilty, the extent of the punishment awarded on the occasion, and whether any of them have been more than once in the hands of the police.

We should, in addition to the foregoing points, be happy to receive from you any further particulars concerning this class of persons, that you may consider illustrative of their state in this community.

We have, &c. &c.

(signed) *C. W. Burdett,*
John Kinchela,
Commissioners of Inquiry.

His Honor Charles Herbert, esq.
First Fiscal, Demerara.

(B. 1.)

Gentlemen, Fiscal's Office, Demerara, 21st Jan. 1827.

AGREEABLY to your request, I enclose you a list of slaves who have been seized by the Custom-house, and apprehended for petty offences.

Although the number is not particularly great, yet it is a very large proportion of that class of people. I consider that the mode in which they are disposed of is by no means calculated to benefit either themselves or the community at large. They are principally adult slaves, who have acquired those bad habits peculiar to the West India towns, and cannot be compared to the uncivilized Africans. To apprentice them out to families is a matter of much difficulty; and those few who have passed through an apprenticeship to tradesmen are by no means disposed to labour; for such is the facility of acquiring a livelihood, that in the course of one morning a sufficiency may be earned to supply their wants for the week: the consequence is, that the greater part of their time is passed in gambling, strolling about the country committing petty thefts, and idleness.

To the slave population the example is most pernicious, as it encourages the idea that freedom is a comparative state of torpor. Should sickness or disease overtake them, they cannot be suffered to die in the streets, but are placed in the public hospital at a heavy expense; and the institution which is intended as a relief to the distressed and deserving, is a receptacle for those who, by their vicious habits, have reduced themselves to a state of misery and want.

It would be a benefit conferred on the community at large, if you would pass a regulation which will remove these people to a country where subsistence and other comforts can be obtained by industry alone. You may assure yourselves of the correctness of my remarks, by a reference to the collector; and I believe every inhabitant of the colony will agree with me that these people, thus turned loose upon the community, and becoming free "*per saltum*," as it were, are an evil calculated to produce the most mischievous consequences.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Charles Herbert,*
First Fiscal.

The Honourable the Commissioners
of Inquiry, George Town.

EXTRACT from the Register of Persons committed in the Colony Gaol at the Schout's Office.

When taken up.	NAME.	Proprietor.	By whom taken.	CRIME.	Released.
3 Jan. 1825	Tom	Custom-house	Night watch	Stealing fowls	8 Feb. 1825.
6 June –	Sam	–	ditto	Gambling	10 June –
—	Bernard	–	Manager plantation Wales	Skulking in the negro houses	21 Aug. –
27 June 1826	Cuffy	–	Police	Suspicion of theft	5 Sept. 1826.
13 July –	Will	–	Collector	Placed in the gaol hospital	19 Jan. 1827.
3 Sept. –	Money	–	Night watch	Disorderly conduct	5 Sept. 1826.
6 – –	Cuffy	–	Plantation Haarlem	Skulking in the negro houses	8 Sept. –
6 Nov. –	Bernard	–	Police	Breaking open stock-house; complaint not prosecuted.	19 Jan. 1827.
9 – –	Duchess	–	ditto	Fighting on the dam	17 Nov. 1826.
22 – –	Ned	–	ditto	Theft	24 Nov. –

(signed) *Richard Padmore*, Schout.

(C.)

Custom-house, Demerara.

AN ACCOUNT of all Sums received from Negroes seized and condemned to His Majesty, by Charles Robinson, esq. Collector of His Majesty's Customs, as a Deposit in the nature of a Saving Bank, from the Earnings of the said liberated Negroes, to and for their own use and benefit, or that of their Children under said Charge, up to 31st December 1826.

NAME of NEGRO.	DATE commenced contributing.	TOTAL Contribution, to 1 January 1827.	DEDUCTIONS.	NET BALANCE due the Negro.
Joan	8 January 1826	*f.* 24	nil.	*f.* 24 – –
Sally	–	38	*f.* 12	26 – –
Duchess	7 August 1826	21	–	21 – –
Bridget	ditto	10	–	10 – –
Betsey	ditto	21	–	21 – –
Fanny	ditto	18	–	18 – –
Harriet	ditto	21	–	21 – –
Diana	ditto	21	–	21 – –
Nanny	ditto	9	–	9 – –
Nelly	ditto	19	–	19 – –
Martha	ditto	6	–	6 – –
Statira	7 November 1826	7	–	7 – –
			f.	203 – –

Remarks.

The amount of each person's contribution may be taken generally as a pretty accurate scale of the characters of the parties for industry and economy.

The woman Joan will be found to have contributed nothing for more than six months.

The deduction in the case of Sally is for a hat and pair of shoes for her son Matthew to go to church.

Martha fell sick the 3d of September, and has paid nothing since.

Statira is in an advanced state of pregnancy, and only commenced contributing since the 7th November.

It is necessary to observe, that as the collector does not feel himself empowered to *enforce* this contribution, he is frequently compelled to admit excuses of a very trifling nature for non-compliance, and is therefore the more anxious that the Commissioners should favour him with their opinion upon this subject; and would suggest, that their advice to the people to continue their contributions would have a good effect, as he feels fully convinced, if the negroes once thought it was optional with themselves, they would never contribute another guilder.

The alternative the collector proposed to them originally was, that as long as they earned their own living with honesty and sobriety, conducted themselves well, and contributed something to the saving bank (the collector wished it to be a guilder per week), they would remain at perfect liberty; but if they became an expense to the Crown, or were disorderly in their conduct, or frequently in gaol (by order of the police), he would be compelled to apprentice them out. This had a considerable effect on their conduct at first; but latterly the example of one or two, who have contributed very little without having met any unpleasant consequences, has rendered the rest very backward in their contributions. If, therefore, it should be the opinion of the Commissioners that this system is a proper one, and that they conceive it comes within the scope of their Commission, it would much facilitate the collector's object in rendering them industrious and frugal, if the Commissioners would enforce that opinion by their sanction, declared to the people themselves, or in the shape of such a communication to him as he might read and explain to them.

(signed) *Charles Robinson*,
Collector of Customs.

Demerara, Custom-house,
January 15th, 1827.

Sir, Demerara, 18th January 1827.

THE Commissioners of Inquiry having had under consideration the remarks annexed to the return of contributions made to your saving bank by the liberated negroes, as transmitted with your letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by them to acquaint you that the plan appears to them to be in every respect an advantageous one, and likely, if it can be effectually established, to produce the results which you anticipate.

The Commissioners are also of opinion, that your enforcing the threat which you have held out, of apprenticing all those who show no disposition to continue their contributions regularly, would be the most effectual method of stimulating the others to a continued observance of this desirable object.

(signed) I have, &c. &c.
Wm. Barron, Sec.

Charles Robinson, esq.
Collector of Customs, Demerara.

(A.)—DEMERARA :—ACCOUNT of all Expenses incurred for the Prosecution, Maintenance and Support of all Negroes condemned to the Crown.

Date of Seizure.	NAMES.	ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	Currency.	Sterling.
			f. s.	£. s. d.
1817 -	Fernandez - Rodriguez - Manoella -	Maintenance and all expenses, from seizure in 1817 to condemnation in Sept. 1819 - - - -	1,411 10	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - - -	1,172 15	
		f.	2,584 5	200 19 11
1818 -	Bull - - Moses - - Bernard -	Maintenance, &c. from seizure in April 1818 to condemnation in August 1819 - - - -	1,180 10	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - -	1,172 15	
		f.	2,353 5	183 - 8
1819 -	François - Petit -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - - -	439 10	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - -	1,172 15	
		f.	1,612 5	125 7 11
	Sam - - Jenny - -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - - -	643 6	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - -	676 15	
			1,320 1	
	Bob - -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - *f.* 270 13		
		Admiralty charges - - - - 2,234 15		
			2,505 8	
	Castello -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - 235 13		
		Admiralty charges - - - - 420 -		
			655 13	
		f.	4,481 2	348 10 7
1820 -	Jem Morris -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - - - -	883 10	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - - -	863 18	
		f.	1,747 8	135 18 2
1821 -	Dick - - Dick Richard	Maintenance, &c. - - - - - -	998 10	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - -	706 17	
			1,705 7	
	Ben - - Charles - Jean Sensée -	Maintenance, &c. - - - *f.* 1,647 18		
		Admiralty charges - - - - 1,290 -		
			2,937 18	
	Louisa - -	Maintenance, &c. - - - - *f.* 263 10		
		Admiralty charges - - - - 1,396 5		
			1,659 15	
		f.	6,303 -	490 4 8
1824 -	Jack - -	94 days maintenance, from 31st May to 1st Sept. 1824	94 -	
		Admiralty charges - - - - - - -	263 10	
		One guinea over and above - - - - -	13 10	
			371 -	28 17 1
			£.	1,512 19 -

(signed) *Chaˢ Robinson,*
Collector.

(B.)—DEMERARA :—ACCOUNT of the Expenses for Food, Lodging, Fuel and Water for Twelve Slaves, seized by the Comptroller of H. M. Customs, and condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Instance Court, Demerara, 2d Jan. 1826; from the dates of Seizure to the day of Condemnation.

N°	NAMES, &c.	Currency.	Sterling.
		f. *s.*	£. *s.* *d.*
1.	Woman slave, Sally Sibley; from 3d Sept. 1825 to 2d Jan. 1826; 121 days, at 1 *f.* per diem - - -	121 –	
2.	Women ditto, Sally and Eliza; from 13th Sept. 1825 to 2d Jan. 1826; 111 days, at 1 *f.* each per diem -	222 –	
2.	Slaves, viz. Neptune and Joan; from 18th Sept. 1825 to 2d Jan. 1826; 106 days, at 1 *f.* each per diem -	212 –	
5.	Young slaves, viz. Matthew, Abais, Margaret, Angus, and Æsculapius; from 13th Sept. 1825 to 2d Jan. 1826; 111 days, at 15 *st.* each per diem - -	416 5	
2.	Young slaves, viz. Anthony and Jerome; from 18th Sept. 1825 to 2d Jan. 1826; 106 days, at 15 *st.* each per diem - - - - - - - - - -	159 –	
12	*f.*	1,130 5	
	Dr. Webster's account for medical attendance - -	149 –	
	Proportion of Admiralty charges attending condemnation - - - - - - - - - -	1,085 13	
	Collectors, 1 guinea per head for care and custody;—12 guineas, or 12 *l.* 12 *s.* at 4 *s.* 4 *d.* per dollar -	174 10	
	f.	2,539 8	183 8 –

(signed) *Charles Robinson,*
Collector.

(C.)—DEMERARA:—Account for Food, Lodging, Clothing, Medical Attendance, and all Expenses attending the under-mentioned liberated Slaves, in charge of the Collector of H. M. Customs; from the 2d January, the date of Condemnation, to the 5th April 1826; viz.—

N°	NAMES.	PARTICULARS.	Currency.	Sterling.
			f. *s.*	£. *s.* *d.*
1.	Sally Sibley	Nil.—The said persons defraying their own expenses.		
2.	Sally			
3.	Joan and Son			
4.	Jerome			
5.	Eliza Cleary	From 2d Jan. to 5th April; 93 days, at 1 *f.* per diem	93 –	
6.	Alexy	Say 6, at 15 *st.* each per diem; 93 days, at 4 *f.* 10. per diem	418 10	
7.	Margaret			
8.	Sanky			
9.	Esculapius			
10.	Anthony			
11.	Matthew			
12.	Neptune	From 2d January to 26th March, the day on which he commenced providing for himself, under the collector's inspection; 83 days, at 1 *f.* per diem	83 –	
	Clothing:—3 Blankets, at 3 *f.* each	*f.* 9 –		
	2 Ditto at 3. 10.	7 –		
	1 p. calico, 11 *f.*; 1 p. check, 5 *f.*	16 –		
	6 Shirts, at 3 *f.* each	18 –		
	6 pair trowsers, at 4 *f.* 10. each	27 –		
	2 Jackets at ditto	9 –		
	2 pair trowsers; 2 Shirts for Neptune	7 10		
			93 10	
	Medical Attendance		55 –	
	Printing indentures		44 –	
	At 4 *s.* 4 *d.* per dollar	*f.*	787 –	56 16 9

(signed) *Charles Robinson*,
Collector.

(D.)—DEMERARA:—ACCOUNT for Food, Lodging, Clothing, Medical Attendance, and all Expenses attending the under-mentioned liberated Slaves in charge of Charles Robinson, Collector of H. M. Customs, for the Quarter ending 5th July 1826, including Schooling to the Children.

N°	NAMES.	PARTICULARS.	Currency.	Sterling.
			f. *s.*	£. *s.* *d.*
1.	Sally Sibley	Nil.—The said persons defraying their own expenses.		
2.	Sally			
3.	Joan			
4.	Neptune			
5.	Eliza Cleary	Eight persons at 1 *f.* per diem each, ninety-one days	728 –	
6.	Alexy			
7.	Margaret			
8.	Sanky			
9.	Esculapius			
10.	Anthony			
11.	Matthew			
12.	Jerom			
		Clothing; viz. 2 P^s Check - - - - *f.* 10 –		
		1 Brown Holland - - - 7 –		
		6 Handkerchiefs - - - 3 10		
		2 P^s Britannias - - - 9 –		
		1 Coloured check - - - 22 –	51 10	
		Medical attendance for two quarters - - - -	97 17	
		At 4 *s.* 4 *d.* per dollar - - - *f.*	877 7	67 7 3

(signed) *Charles Robinson,*
Collector.

(E.)—DEMERARA:—ACCOUNT of all Expenses attending the Support, Maintenance and Adjudication of Twenty-four Slaves, seized by C. Robinson and P. Staple, esquires, Collector and Comptroller of H. M. Customs, from the day of Seizure to the day of Condemnation; viz. the 18th July 1826.

N°	NAMES, &c.		Currency.	Sterling.
			f. *s.*	£. *s.* *d.*
5.	Negroes: Sarah Kate, Nelly, James, Nanny and Sarah, from the 18th January to 18th July 1826, 181 days, at 5*f.* per diem		905 –	
2.	Negroes: Peggy Ann and Molly Ford, from the 30th Jan. to 18th July, 169 days, at 2*f.*		338 –	
1.	Negro: Mopsey, from 23d May to 18th July, 56 days, at 1*f.* per diem		56 –	
4.	Young Negroes: Billy, Sue, Mary Ann, and John William, from 18th January to 18th July, 181 days, at 15 *st.* each, or 3*f.* per diem		543 –	
1.	Boy: Ned Jack, from 15th June to 18th July (schooling included), at 1*f.* per diem		33 –	
11.	Diana, Harriet, Bridget, Statira, Philly Ann, Edward, Renn, Duchess, Fanny, Bessey and Martha, provided for by the claimants or owners, per 32 s. 5 Geo. IV. c. 113		nil.	
	To Cash paid, Police Expenses; viz.			
	Gaol fees on Bessey	*f.* 24 10		
	D° on Peggy Ann	12 10		
	D° on Molly Ford and Nanny	31 –		
	Paid for a midwife for attending Sarah Kate, and delivering her of a boy child	22 –		
	Wine and necessaries	12 –		
	Proportion of hire of premises for Sarah Kate, Billy, Sue and infant	99 –		
	To Cash paid for the following Necessaries; viz.			
	A blanket for James	4 –		
	2 Shirts - for D°	7 –		
	1 Jacket, pair trowsers and hat	22 –		
	1 Gown 5*f.* 1 blanket for Sarah *f.* 3. 10.	8 10		
	1 Check dress for Billy	4 –		
			246 10	
	Dr. M'Alister's bill for medical attendance		76 5	
	Collectors, 1 guinea per head for care and custody, 24 guineas, or 25 *l.* 4 *s.* at 4 *s.* 4 *d.* per dollar		348 5	
	Expenses of condemnation in Admiralty		291 8	
	Printing indentures		132 –	
	At 4 *s.* 4 *d.* per dollar	*f.*	2,969 8	214 9 1

(signed) *Charles Robinson*,
Collector.

(F.)—DEMERARA:—ACCOUNT for Food, Lodging, Clothing, Medical Attendance, and all Expenses attending the under-mentioned emancipated Slaves, in charge of and apprenticed to Charles Robinson, esq. Collector H. M. Customs, for the Quarter ending 10th October 1826, including Schooling to the Children.

N°	NAMES.	PARTICULARS.	Currency.	Sterling.
			f. *s.* *p.*	£. *s.* *d.*
1.	Sally Sibley	Nil; they paying their own expenses.		
2.	Sally			
3.	Joan			
4.	Neptune			
5.	Eliza Cleary	Seven persons, from 5th July to 10th October; ninety-seven days at 1 *f.* each per diem	679 – –	
6.	Margaret			
7.	Sanky			
8.	Æsculapius			
9.	Anthony			
10.	Matthew			
11.	Jereme			
12.	Fanny, alias Alexis.	Nil; expenses defrayed by Mrs. Young, with whom she is on trial as an apprentice.		
13.	Sarah Kate	Ten persons; from 19th July, the date of condemnation, to 10th October, eighty-four days, at 1 *f.* each per diem	840 – –	
14.	Billy			
15.	Sue			
16.	James			
17.	Mopsey			
18.	Philly Ann			
19.	Edward			
20.	Molly Ford			
21.	Peggy Ann			
22.	Statira			
23.	Ned Jack	From 18th July to 21st August, thirty-four days, at 1 *f.* per diem	34 – –	
24.	Sarah	From 18th July to 18th August, thirty-one days, at 1 *f.* per diem	31 – –	
25.	Nelly	Nil; twelve persons earning their own living.		
26.	Mary Ann			
27.	Nanny			
28.	William			
29.	Diana			
30.	Bridget			
31.	Harriet			
32.	Duchess			
33.	Renn			
34.	Fanny			
35.	Bessey			
36.	Martha			
		Clothing, as per voucher	47 – –	
		A book for emancipated negroes	32 – –	
		Midwife's account for delivering Nanny of a male child, and wine	28 – –	
		D°, M'Alister's bill for medical attendance	83 7 10	
		At 4*s.* 4*d.* per dollar – – *f.*	1,774 7 10	128 3 –

(signed) *Chas Robinson*, Collector.

(G.)—DEMERARA:—STATEMENT of Bounty received or receivable on the afore-mentioned Negroes.

	£. s. d.	Sterling. £. s. d.
On Return N° 1, per 47 Geo. III. c, 36, s. 11.		
1 Man - - - - - - - - -	13 – –	
2 Women, at 10 *l.* each - - - - -	20 – –	
1 Child - - - - - - - - -	3 – –	
		36 – –
On Return N° 2; negroes condemned previous to the 5th Geo IV. c. 113.		
	£. s. d.	
9 Men, at 13 *l.* each - - - - - -	117 – –	
1 Boy - - - - - - - - -	3 – –	
		120 – –
On 36 negroes condemned since the 1st January 1825, per 5 Geo. IV. c. 113.		
At 7 *l.* 10 *s.* per head - - - - - - - - -		270 – –
On 4 negroes who have died since condemnation, at 13 *l.* per head - - -		52 – –
	£.	478 – –

(E.)

DEMERARA:—RETURN of Slaves seized by C. Robinson, esq. Collector of Demerara, and libelled in the Vice-Admiralty Court, but whose Cases are still pending.

NAME.	SEX.	Apparent Age.	Country.	CAUSE OF SEIZURE, REMARKS, &c.
Ben	Male	10	Creole	Clandestine importation from Barbadoes, supposed some time in 1824, without formality of any kind, and delivered up to the collector, in consequence of the death of the importer.
Kendale	D°	30	African	Imported in the same manner, without any formality whatever.
Symmatha	Female	25	D°	These six persons were seized for a breach of the 5 Geo. IV. c. 113, and for the same cause as the twenty-four condemned in July 1826. The woman Symmatha died the 26th of December of a general decay of nature. The two orphan children, Mercy and Charles, are under the care of the Customs.
and two children, Mercy, and	D°	5	Creole	
Charles	Male	18 months	D°	
Eve, and child	Female	25	D°	
Kitty	D°	4	D°	
Nanny Jane	D°	20	D°	
Jos. Crutchley	Male	30	Creole	These three were seized for being imported from Barbadoes without any formality whatever, and clandestinely landed without registry, &c.
Kitty, and child	Female	28	D°	
Edward	Male	6	D°	

January 24th 1827. (signed) *Cha Robinson*, Coll^r.

A SUMMARY of the Expenses incurred at the Port of DEMERARA on seized and condemned Negroes, up to the 20th December 1826, exclusive of such Causes as are now pending.

	Sterling. £.	s.	d.
Amount, per Account - (A.)	1,512	19	–
- - - D° - - - - (B.)	183	8	–
- - - D° - - - - (C.)	56	16	9
- - - D° - - - - (D.)	67	7	3
- - - D° - - - - (E.)	214	9	1
- - - D° - - - - (F.)	128	3	–
- - - D° - - - - (G.) Bounties	478	–	–
£.	2,641	3	1